



INFAMOUS GRAFT

RENO PEOPLE ROBBED OF SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS UNDER GUISE OF CHARITY. THE ORPHANS' HOME USED BY THE CONSPIRATORS TO FURTHER THEIR SCHEME.

One of the most infamous schemes of graft ever perpetrated in Nevada has just come to light.

During holiday week there was exhibited in the business houses and saloons in Reno the following placards:

NOTICE

THE STATE provides for the maintenance of nearly one hundred poor, little waifs in the Orphans' Home at Carson, all the way from one to sixteen years of age. They know not what the word Father or Mother means, for they are fed and sent to bed at night to the dormitory, where cots are stretched across the hall in rows. They have no kind mother to undress and put them to bed, tenderly tuck the clothing around their frail bodies, and give to them a mother's kiss. They go to sleep, and if they wake at night suffering from the many ailments akin to childhood, they may cry themselves to sleep, and no tender mother comes to minister to their wants or rock them to sleep. They know not and have never experienced the glad coming of Santa Claus, as do the children of our happy homes; and when Christmas rolls around they regard the day just the same as any other. So let us for once gladden their hearts, and give the little ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let us go down in our pockets and make them as happy as we expect to be when the commemoration of the birth of Christ rolls around once more. We will not miss it and we will feel better to know that we have assisted in making those poor, unfortunate children happy.

In connection with this were boxes into which philanthropic people could deposit donations. The people of Reno are proverbially generous and soon the boxes were stuffed with money.

The saloons were the heaviest contributors, and in one of them it is estimated that the box contained over \$500.

A small boy came around and distributed these placards and boxes and a few days ago a kindly looking old gentleman came along and took the boxes, thanking the proprietors of the resorts for their kindness in helping the orphans.

Yesterday Mr. Joe Joseph, superintendent of the Home, while in Reno was asked by many people how much money he had received, and when he replied that he had received none, he was shown one of the many placards that was posted about the city.

To-day he called the attention of the board to the matter and it is now being investigated. It is estimated that at least \$3000 was raised by means of this palpable swindle, which, while a swindle in itself of the grossest character, it is also a libel on the state and the Orphans' Home board, for it is a well known fact that the orphans are exceptionally well cared for and lack for nothing.

The swindlers should be run to cover and landed in the penitentiary. The printing office that turned out the placards ought to come to the front at once and lay what they know of the matter before the proper authorities. If they fail to do this they are accessories to the crime and no better than the thieves who perpetrated one of the rankest swindles ever heard of in Nevada. The Reno newspapers were also doped into booming the swindle.

MAY INDICT RAILROAD MEN FOR PERJURY

Judge Murphy has handed down a decision in favor of Esmeralda county in which he holds that Esmeralda has a right to fix the tax rate on the old C. and C. road. He declined to compel a grand jury to investigate charges of perjury made against J. F. Heiden, Alonzo Tripp and one Willcutt by Attorney C. E. Mack. The matter will be called to the attention of the new judge, F. P. Langan when he takes the bench. Esmeralda county wins about \$28,000.

PAY YOUR BOX RENT

Each and every box renter has received a bill, together with a circular letter containing the latest regulation concerning the payment of box rent, in his post office box.

This regulation requires that the post master place in every box an accepted bill ten days before the expiration of the quarter preceding the quarter for which the box is to be rented; if on the first day of the quarter you have neglected to renew your rental of the box, it becomes the duty of the postmaster to close the box and place the mail in the general delivery.

If on the first day of January, 1907, you find you are unable to open your box on account of negligence in paying the rental thereof, you will have no one to blame but yourself, as the postmaster has been careful to see that every renter has been supplied with a copy of the regulation. So, pay up, and do not put off until tomorrow that which had better be done today.

FIRE AT BULLFROG

A fire which threatened to destroy the business portion of Bullfrog occurred Wednesday evening, and before it could be extinguished the Montana restaurant and a saloon known as "The Scotty" were destroyed. A portion of the Miner office was also burned. The loss is estimated at \$10,000 with no insurance.

Ray Crowell arrived from Goldfield last night. He has connected up with the Bardsness Exploration Syndicate, in which some of the biggest mining men of the state are interested, and was called to put a force of men to work on a mine in Goldfield for that company.

Candelaria is entering the preliminary stages of a revival of mining business and will once more join the ranks of the producing camps.

The Kewanas leasing company refuses to let leases on its property, one of the best and most central in the Goldfield district.

Bernice, a camp that at one time did fair to become a big mining place, is being reopened. One of the biggest mines in the State is the Bernice mine. The old camp is in Churchill county, north of Fairview.

T. B. Rickey left for Goldfield this morning.

C. D. VanDuzer flitted into town last night and peddled a lot of hot air about going to Washington and attending to the needs of the people of Nevada in Congress. If Van Duzer will refrain from showing his person in the seat of Nevada in the National Capitol, the state will be obliged to him. We will have a man and a gentleman there on March 4th.

An earthquake has partially destroyed Tacna and Avoca, Chili. These cities are in the nitrate belt and Iquique, the port, was not damaged.

Gail Rogers is visiting with Miss Ruth Ardery during the holidays.

WE PROTEST THIS THING

"WOMEN AND PRIZEFIGHTERS"
"Dear Editor: Kindly answer in your paper if ladies are allowed to witness prize fights. Respectfully yours,
Mrs. R. M."

"There is no law in the land that prevents 'ladies' from attending prize fights, if the battles themselves are not prohibited by law."

In Nevada gold mining communities where big battles are now being held for the purpose of advertising the mines to the country it is considered the proper thing for "ladies" to attend.

There it is like a pink tea proposition where Mrs. So-and-So sends out her invitations to all those high up in her set.

In San Francisco some "ladies" look on prize fights, but they are screened off from the masculine portion of the audience.

Elsewhere in the country the feminine patron of the prize ring is tabooed and properly so.

Some prize fighters wives consider it proper to attend boxing exhibitions where their husbands participate. Their excuse is that a wife's place is "by her husband's side."

Prize fighting is degrading. The tender sensibilities of a woman should not permit her to gaze on "the game."

No womanly woman would care to be seen within an enclosure where a pair of battling thugs are hammering away in savage mixups.

The "ladies" who go to prize fights are not the kind of women one would care to introduce to his mother or his sister.

It is too bad indeed, that there is not a federal law in existence that would keep all women away from the prize ring.

Should any woman attend out of morbid curiosity?

Well, hardly. —Los Angeles Record

The above appeared on the editorial page of one of the most influential papers in California.

That Nevada is compelled to advertise her mines by means of degrading prize fights is not so.

That it is considered the correct thing for "ladies" to attend these prize fights is not so.

That pink tea invitations to such affairs are sent out by Mrs. So-and-So is not so.

The fact that women attended the Gans Nelson fight and that children were allowed to sit in the arena, is held in Nevada to have been the most serious breach of decency committed in this state in a long time.

It is probable the prize fight law will be repealed at the coming session of the legislature—the governor promised it before election and sentiment in that direction is strong enough to secure a repeal of the present law.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the Gans-Herman affair at Tonopah will be the last of this kind ever held on Nevada soil. It is given for the money there is in it, not to advertise any mines, for the class of men who attended the prize fights at Goldfield was a lesson to the promoters of that affair. They made plenty of money out of it, but up to date no mines have been sold to any fight followers.

Masons from all over the United States assisted in the dedication of the new Masonic temple at Reno last night.

Ralph Harcourt, who is employed by the S. P. Company at Sacramento, is visiting friends in this city.

J. N. Reid, who for some time has been employed on the police force at Tonopah, was brought to his home in this city last evening very sick with pneumonia.

BRIEF PARAGRAPHS

A man in Reno looked for a leak in a gas pipe with a lighted candle. He found it. Resultant damage, several hundred dollars and loss of hair, whiskers and mustache.

Tonopah people are still cooking on coal oil stoves, etc., while the waiters, cooks and waitresses are enjoying a strike vacation. Any person who has been compelled to eat in the average Tonopah hothouse is de facto in sympathy with the strikers.

David Star Jordan is on another junket, this time in Oklahoma, where he addressed a thousand teachers yesterday.

Two negroes were killed my mobs yesterday. Both were murderers. Another Negro threw a white woman of the sidewalk at El Reno, Okla., and he is being sought for.

Rain fell all night and continued to fall. The mountains will be covered so deeply with snow that an abundance of irrigation water will be provided next season.

Chas. Clark, discoverer of Ramsey, will leave tonight, after a visit in this city for the holidays.

Mr. L. Curtis, architect of the state library, is spending a few days here on business.

Mining engineer Lund is in this city, for a brief stay, from Masonic.

Mayor Schmitz has thrown off Ace Reuf, ostensibly, and now demands a separate trial on the joint indictment for embezzlement.

A doctor at Fargo, N. D., declares that a prize fighter that was knocked out and died the next morning, died from pneumonia. New way to catch that disease.

At the property of the Zenoli Silver Company at Palisade ore is now being sacked that will run 200 ounces in silver and from 10 to 40 per cent lead. Arrangements are being perfected so that fifty tons a day can be shipped.

The Tahoe Truckee railroad will be broadgauge this spring. Baldwin intends to build a new huge hotel at the lake, and other big improvements are planned.

Several Carson City masons went down to Reno this morning to attend the initial meeting of the lodges of Reno in the new Temple this afternoon.

A piano tuner and a sugar planter announce in Reno they will build a lot of auto cars with sleeping and dining accommodations for use in opposition to the railroad between Reno and Tonopah.

Roosevelt is making a huge bluff of "investigating" E. H. Harriman and his railroad manipulations.

Oliver DeJarlais, proprietor of the Carson Exchange hotel was married to Amanda Marie Sanderz of Reno, by Father Tubman Wednesday. The couple left for San Francisco and will return home to this city in a few days. The wedding was a big surprise to DeJarlais' friends.

Theo. Bell, defeated candidate for governor of California, is in Reno for the purpose of defending Julius Secord, indicted for murder. Bell's and Secord's father are old family friends.

Ray C. Crowell has sold his interest in the Kansas mine to Ion L. Clark, his associate. Crowell will go to Los Angeles this week, will return to Carson City and leave for London later in the month, on business for the company with which he is affiliated.

Lem Allen left for Reno last night enroute to his home at St. Claire.

BRYAN ADMITS CANDIDACY

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 28.—In an interview here today, William J. Bryan practically admitted that he would be a candidate for the presidential nomination before the next democratic national convention.

"While I have not yet announced that I would be a candidate," said Mr. Bryan, "I have not stated I would not be a candidate, and do not intend to. Such an honor as the presidential nomination is something that no American citizen should decline."

Mr. Bryan declared that he had never stated that President Roosevelt had stolen the thunder of the democrats, although he said the president was now advocating many things by that party.

Mr. Bryan said there was no foundation for the story that had been printed to the effect that he would, if nominated, favor the selection of Senator William Stone of Missouri as chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

"I have never told anyone about the organization of the national committee," he said. "I do not even know that I will even be interested in it further than that I do not want to see men on the committee that are not good clean men who want a government for the people and not for the trusts. I do not care to see men on the committee like Roger Sullivan of Illinois."

In speaking of the railroad legislation enacted by Congress at its last session, he stated that he did not believe the legislation was what it should be but he thinks the president took what he could get. He said that the giving of railroad passes was one of the most corrupting influences exercised in this country.

Mr. Bryan spoke before the Kansas State Teachers' Association here tonight.

THIS GOES TOO

For unadulterated, exasperating, unnecessary unreliability, commend us to the Goldfield papers.

Not all of them all the time, not one of them all the time, but most of them most of the time.

It seems impossible to get the truth about Goldfield in the public prints. The Goldfield papers print the biggest boom stuff ever written in any camp or city in the history of the business world. Eastern papers print the worst calumnies they can invent. Conservative investment journals send men to Goldfield who see the camp under all sorts of conditions and write accordingly.

Up to date there has not been a journal that has given the absolute unbiased truth about Goldfield and its mines, and this statement is made with the full knowledge that probably every paper in Goldfield will attempt to take a fall out of The Appeal for saying so.

Files of the Goldfield papers are in the Appeal office, and if any man, woman or child can tell where he is at after reading them he can do better than the editor of The Appeal and he has not yet been accused of imbecility.

Get together brethren. You owe it to the thousands of investors that have put millions of dollars on Goldfield's representations.

A daughter has been born to Mrs. George Ernst, of Churchill county. Mrs. Ernst was Miss Florence Keith of this city.

The "Daily White Pine News" makes its appearance, telegraph service, local daily news and all; a credit to the enterprise of Ely.

Sol. Hilt has withdrawn his name as a candidate for Clerk of the Assembly. This leaves a clear field for George Cole of Tonopah, to whom it belongs.

REALLY WAS HENPECKED

PITTSBURG—To prove he was henpecked, Robert J. Mulholland of Homestead, who is suing his wife for divorce, gave testimony regarding the unpleasant duties his wife compelled him to perform and the things she wouldn't let him do for ten years that covered eighty-five typewritten pages. He charges cruelty.

Here are some of the things he says she forced him to do:

Wash dishes.
Scrub floors.
Blacken the stove.
Cook most of the meals.
Hang out the clothes to dry.
Walk to East Pittsburg to work.
Attend numerous euchre parties.
When there was nothing else to mend the neighbor's shoes.

Wake up at at 2 or 3 o'clock and listen to gossip about the neighbors.
Sew on his own buttons and mend his clothing.

And here are a few of the things she wouldn't let him do:

Rest when he was tired.
Read the newspapers.
Sing in public without making fun of him.

Spend more than 25 cents in two weeks outside of carrying one way to work.

Go out unless she followed him.
Take a drink unless she stood outside the saloon.

Attend lodge meeting unless she stood guard at the door.
Talk to women friends without making insulting chances at him.

Have peace unless he did the housework.

Laugh at the table on (such occasions his face would be slapped).

Shave twice a week because he might be attractive to other women.
Mrs. Mulholland in her answer made a general denial of the charges, declaring he frequently came home drunk and beat her. On several occasions he was so drunk she had to take his shoes off, she said.
No decision has been reached.

A NEW BREED OF CHICKENS.

During the summer in DeLamar there have been several broods of chickens hatched that contained one or two wingless chicks, which occasioned considerable talk among the owners of the birds, but they could not account for the freak of the old hens. The other day, down at the slaughter house, a hen brought out a brood of eleven wingless chicks, which aroused the curiosity of the owner, and he investigated the cause of the appearance of the wingless birds. A local scientist, thoroughly versed in entomology, herology and bugology, after a careful investigation attributes the appearance of these freaks to the fact that the grasshoppers in the mountains above here are wingless, and that the hens eating these grasshopper while engaged in laying eggs, dreamed of chasing the wingless hoppers, thus producing eggs that yielded wingless chickens.

ANNUAL DANCE.

The Warren Engine company are completing arrangements for their annual New Year's dance at Armory hall. The affair will occur on the evening of January 1st this season instead of New Year's eve as heretofore owing to the fact that Constance Crawley will appear here on the latter date. Tickets will be sold at the door and the admission, which includes both dancing and supper will be fifty cents.

The steam heat at the Capital works beautifully. Nevertheless the supply of wood will not be disposed of.

The Nevada Smelting and Mine Corporation and purchased the Pio mine, many years ago operated by the Tybo Mines and Milling Company.

Arrangements are now being perfected for an ample water supply for Fairview. A deep well will be sunk about three miles from town and there seems no doubt that an ample supply will be had.